Central assistance to augment tourism to Karnataka

*31. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent a number of proposals requesting for Central assistance to augment tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that approval has not yet been given by the Central Government to these proposals;

(d) if so, the status of these proposals; and

(e) by when these proposals will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following project proposals have been received from the State Government of Karnataka for grant of central financial assistance during the current financial year:

1. Development of Kadalkere Nisargadhama Dakshina Kannada District
2. Eco-tourism Park at Hanumanthanagar, Maddur Taluq Madhya District
3. Development of Eco-tourism and Adventure tourism facilities at Mekedatu
4. Development of Eco-tourism and Adventure tourism facility at Ottinane near Baindur Kundapur Taluk, Udipi
5. Development of Coastal Wilderness & Wellness Tourism
6. Development of Wilderness Circuit in Southern Kannada
7. Sound & Light Show at Golgumbaz at Bijapur
8. Development of Bidar
9. Linganamakki Dam as International Standard Garden
10. Siddarabetta Hill Ranges, Tumkur District
11. Development of Eco-tourism & Adventure Tourism atAnniijare and Cable car facility at Udipi

12. Upgradation of Hotel Mayura Bhubaneswari, Kamalapur
13. Development of Jog Falls
14. Development of Mysore
15. Setting up a centre for tourism and culture at Gokarna, Uttara Kannada

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). As per guidelines, Ministry of Tourism provides funds to the State Government for projects which are prioritized in consultation with them every year inrespect of the following schemes:

(i) Travel Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Schemes

Project proposals, which are received complete in all respects, are processed on inter-se-priority basis and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head every year. During the year 2003-04 and 2004-05, projects amounting to Rs. 2582.08 lakhs and rs. 2459.76 lakhs were sanctioned respectively for development of tourism in Karnataka.

Cleaning of Rivers and Lakes

*32. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to cleanse the big rivers and lakes of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers identified for this purpose and the quantum of additional water likely to be made available in the country due to this plan; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment & Forests Formulated the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and the National

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